

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
TYLER DIVISION**

ZSERON DUKES, #2249303,

Plaintiff,

v.

LORIE DAVIS, DIRECTOR OF TDCJ-
CID,

Defendant.

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Case No. 6:19-CV-535-JDK-JDL

**ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
OF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

This case was referred to United States Magistrate Judge John D. Love pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636. On January 6, 2020, the Magistrate Judge issued a Report and Recommendation (Docket No. 17), recommending that the action be dismissed with prejudice for purposes of proceeding *in forma pauperis* and for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, but without prejudice to any potential claims arising under the laws of the State of Texas. A return receipt indicating delivery to Plaintiff was received by the Clerk on January 22, 2020 (Docket No. 19).


This Court reviews the findings and conclusions of the Magistrate Judge de novo only if a party objects within fourteen days of service of the Report and Recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). In conducting a de novo review, the Court examines the entire record and makes an independent assessment under the law. *Douglass v. United Servs. Auto. Ass'n*, 79 F.3d 1415, 1430 (5th Cir. 1996) (en banc), *superseded on other grounds by statute*, 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) (extending the time to file objections from ten to fourteen days). Here, Plaintiff did not file objections in the prescribed period. The Court therefore reviews the Magistrate Judge's findings for clear error or abuse of discretion and reviews his legal conclusions to determine whether they

are contrary to law. *See United States v. Wilson*, 864 F.2d 1219, 1221 (5th Cir. 1989), *cert. denied*, 492 U.S. 918 (1989) (holding that, if no objections to a Magistrate Judge's Report are filed, the standard of review is "clearly erroneous, abuse of discretion and contrary to law").

Having reviewed the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation, the Court finds no clear error or abuse of discretion and no conclusions contrary to law. The Court therefore adopts the Report and Recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge (Docket No. 17) as the findings of this Court.

Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Magistrate Judge's Report (Docket No. 17) be **ADOPTED** and that the above-styled civil action be **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE** for purposes of proceeding *in forma pauperis* and for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, but without prejudice to any claims Plaintiff may have which arise under the laws of the State of Texas. All pending motions are **DENIED** as **MOOT**.

So **ORDERED** and **SIGNED** this **16th** day of **March, 2020**.



JEREMY D. KERNODLE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE